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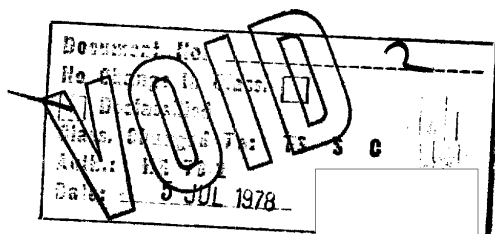
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1. The Yugoslav Industrial Air Force is equipped with 48 planes, some of which are PT-17s and others domestic AERO-2s which have been reconditioned for spraying, photography, et cetera. The industrial utilization of these planes was put into effect by the Yugoslav Ministry of Forestry in order to protect forests from various blights, and by the Ministry of Public Health, in order to spray malaria-infested areas.
2. Air photography was first begun by the Yugoslav Industrial Air Force in 1949 upon the request of the geodetic administration. During 1950 an area of one million hectares was photographed.
3. The first time planes were used against caterpillars was in 1950 when specialists of the Yugoslav Ministry of Forestry used them to protect the pine groves on the Karst. The attempt was very successful, and more than three thousand hectares of pine groves were sprayed. The Ministry of Agriculture resorted to the use of planes for the first time in 1950 in order to protect sugar beets and other crops from caterpillars.

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Comment: An article in the newspaper of the Yugoslav Air Force Association Popular Wings (Issue No. 5, May, 1950) reported that attempts were made in February 1949 to reconstruct an AERO-2 training plane into an AERO-2f plane, i.e. into a plane to be used for agricultural purposes. In place of one of the controls, a tank containing a pump, a blower, and a spray is substituted. The attempt has been very successful and the AERO-2, converted to an AERO-2f, is used by the industrial air force.



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